

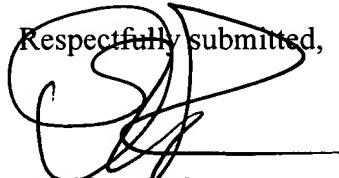
**RESPONSE**

**A. Status of the claims:**

Claims 1-19 and 24-27 were previously canceled in the case and claims 20 and 22 are amended herein. Support for these amendments can be found in original claim 19. Therefore, claims 20-24 are now active in the case.

**B. Conclusion:**

Reconsideration of the case, in view of the foregoing amendments, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (512) 536-3055 regarding any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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